

## A Massive Water Gauge Near Springville

Covered With Inscriptions, Some of Them  
of Early Date—Is Your Name Written  
There?—Who has Seen the Indian  
Head?

The subjoined sketches of the well known "Indian Rock" give an excellent representation of this famous rock that has for years been a low-water mark for the Ohio at this point.

The rock lies close to the Kentucky shore, almost directly opposite the water works plant. Soundings with an oar or other instrument show that it is pyramidal in shape, for the greater portion of it being beneath the surface of the water. It is probably ten feet square at the largest part. The part which is visible is oblong in shape, sloping like a gable roof. The crest is nearly level, measuring about four feet in length and lies in such position that the two sloping sides shown in the engravings are, as indicated, facing northeast and southwest.

The material of the stone is the same as that composing the Kentucky hills above. At some remote period this huge fragment has become detached from the ledge by frost or other agency and has rolled to its present resting place with a crash and a splash. It is roughened by the action of the water, which has worn off some of the names that were first inscribed.

Concerning the Indian's head said to be carved on the stone, there has been some dispute, and its existence has been denied by some who have investigated. It is very seldom out of water, being now about ten inches below the surface. The rude outlines can be felt beneath the water. It is on the north east side, almost directly under the rude cut of a house.

Some of the recent additions have displaced older inscriptions. The initials "A. B.," "J. B." and "H. B.," and the name "D. Byers" on the southwest side were recently cut, and since the sketch was made some one has cut the letters "F. A." just below the "1862," partly obliterating the last two figures.

There seemed to be no need of this as there was plenty of room elsewhere. The name accompanying this date, that of R. M. Lloyd, is one of the oldest on the stone, only that of D. Ford, (1856) ante-dating it.

There is another rock almost similar to this one about a hundred yards up stream. The only initial to be found upon this were M. P. R.

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